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1. At the end of September 1954, the principal work was completed on the erection of a submarine base in Mangalia, a project which was undertaken jointly by the Rumanians and the Soviets. The base is located on the lake which runs northwest from Mangalia.
2. In addition to a channel 1,100 meters long, two tunnels were dug in rocky ground to connect the lake with the sea. The tunnels will serve for incoming and outgoing submarines. They have a width of 10.5 meters and will, therefore, permit the transit of the largest Soviet submarines presently attached to the Black Sea Fleet.
3. The base proper is under construction near the town of Limanul and includes a large underground shelter for the submarines and underground depots for torpedoes and mines. The depots are connected to the lake shore by a short railroad line. An anti-aircraft battery of 100-millimeter guns protects the base.
4. The submarines S-2 and S-3, former Rumanian ships of the Delfinul class, were the first to use the channel and tunnels to enter the new base. These two ships were modernized in Soviet shipyards.
5. Nothing definite is known about the seaplane base which was situated on the lake at Sarighial, approximately 1,500 meters from Limanul. The seaplanes were part of the Coast Defense Command.

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